

## CLEA Overview for India

The purpose of the Critical Language Enhancement Award is to cultivate higher levels of language proficiency prior to and during the Fulbright-Nehru grant period.

CLEA recipients may opt for formal classroom instruction, private tutoring, or a combination of the two.

### Start of Grant:

CLEA grant awardees must begin their language study immediately upon their arrival in India.

### Duration:

The duration of CLEA grant is for 3-6 months. At least 50% of CLEA grant must be utilized prior to start of Fulbright grant and the remaining CLEA grant can run concurrently with the Fulbright-Nehru research grant.

### Limits on Hours of Study:

CLEA awardees must pursue at least 15-20 hours (@ 3-4 hrs. daily) of language training per week.

USIEF has identified some institutions and tutors in different cities around India where CLEA grantees may choose to study. However, grantees have the option to identify institutions or tutors on their own. *Grantees must seek approval for an institution or tutor from USIEF before enrolling in a language program.*

Grantees must submit original receipts from all language training providers.

Grantees must submit a monthly report and a final report to USIEF.

### Funding:

The Critical Language Enhancement Award includes funding for a monthly maintenance stipend, tuition and fees for approved language programs or tutors, a book allowance and health insurance policy.

### Minimum Requirement:

- To be considered for the Critical Language Enhancement Award, grantees must demonstrate a certain level of proficiency before the award's start date (See chart below).

Language	Minimum Prior Language Study Requirement
Bangla/Bengali	No Minimum Requirement
Gujarati	No Minimum Requirement
Hindi	1 year
Marathi	No Minimum Requirement
Punjabi	No Minimum Requirement
Urdu	1 year

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